

LIST OF CLAIMS

1. (Original) A process for producing a thermoplastic resin composition, wherein a melt-kneading extruder equipped with a screw is used and the extruder has an upper stream side supplying portion at the upper stream part of the extrusion direction, and a lower stream side supplying portion at the lower stream part from said upper stream side supplying portion, and the ratio (L/D) of the distance (L) between said upper stream side supplying portion and said lower stream side supplying portion to the diameter (D) of a screw is 4-30 (L and D are the same scale units); and under screw rotation, a thermoplastic resin having a specific gravity of 1.10 or more is supplied from the upper stream side supplying portion, and hollow spheres in an amount of 2-50 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic resin are supplied from the lower stream side supplying portion.

2. (Original) A process for producing a thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 1, wherein inorganic fibers in an amount of 1-40 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic resin are further supplied from the upper stream side supplying portion and/or the lower stream side supplying portion.

3. (Original) A process for producing a thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the screw portion at lower stream from the lower stream side supplying portion of a melt-kneading extruder substantially consists of only a thread screw of forward direction to the extrusion direction, and does not have a kneading section.

4. (Previously Presented) A process for producing a thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the hollow spheres have a mean particle diameter of 5-500  $\mu\text{m}$ , and a volume hollowness of 60 - 80%.

5. (Previously Presented) A process for producing a thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the thermoplastic resin is a liquid crystal polyester resin.

6. (Currently Amended) A process for producing a thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 5, wherein the flow temperature of the liquid crystal polyester resin defined below is 250 °C or more, ~~Flow temperature~~ wherein the flow temperature is defined as a temperature at which the melt viscosity shows 48000 poise when a heated resin is extruded, using a capillary tube

rheometer, through a nozzle have an inner diameter of 1 mm and a length of 10 mm under a load of 9.81Mpa at a temperature-rising rate of 4° C /minute.

7. (Previously Presented) A process for producing a thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 5, wherein the liquid crystal polyester resin has 30% by mole or more of the following structural unit (A<sub>1</sub>)

